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# Government Assistance

**St. Louis County**



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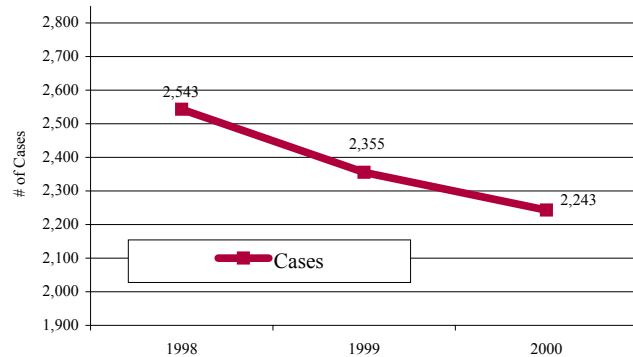
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## St. Louis County's Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Average Monthly Cases

	1998*	1999	2000	% Change 1998-2000
	Average Monthly Cases			
St. Louis County	2,543	2,355	2,243	-12
Minnesota	48,060	43,115	40,838	-15

### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Average Monthly Cases St. Louis County



*Note: 1998 was the transition year from AFDC to MFIP. Cases include Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Minnesota Family Investment Program-Pilot Project and Minnesota Family Investment Program-Statewide. The transition was completed by the start of 1999.*

#### Summary

- In 2000, St. Louis County had an average of 2,243 monthly cases.
- From 1998-2000, St. Louis County had a 12% decline in the average number of cases per month from 2,543 to 2,243. This decline is slightly smaller than the 15% decline in the average monthly cases for the State of Minnesota.

### MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP): The federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), a fixed block grant to the states which allowed them to design their own programs that included work requirements and a maximum five year life-time limit on assistance.

*Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.*

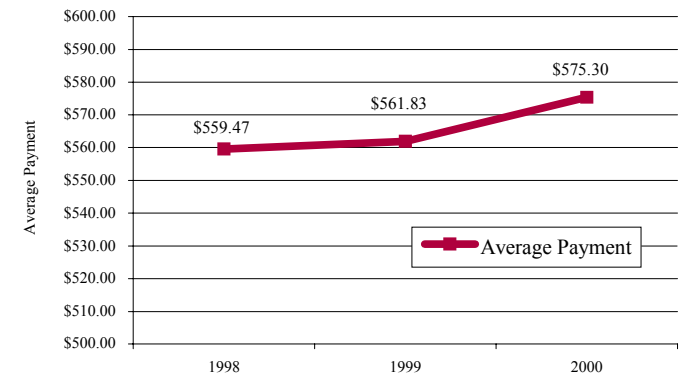


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### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Average Monthly Payment Per Case (in dollars)

	1998*	1999	2000	% Change 1998-2000
	Average Payment per Case \$'s			
St. Louis County	\$559.47	\$561.83	\$575.30	3%
Minnesota	\$591.31	\$622.84	\$623.74	5%

### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Average Monthly Payment Per Case (in dollars) St. Louis County



#### Summary

- In 2000, St. Louis County had an average monthly payment to recipients of \$575.30.
- From 1998-2000, St. Louis County had a 3% increase in the average monthly payment of \$559.47 to \$575.30. This increase is slightly smaller than the 5% increase in the average monthly payment by the State of Minnesota.

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## St. Louis County's Minnesota Food Stamp Program



### Minnesota Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Households

	1998	1999	2000	% Change 1998-2000
Average Monthly Households				
St. Louis County	6,517	6,126	6,007	-8%
Minnesota	96,921	93,554	90,931	-6%

### Food Stamp Program

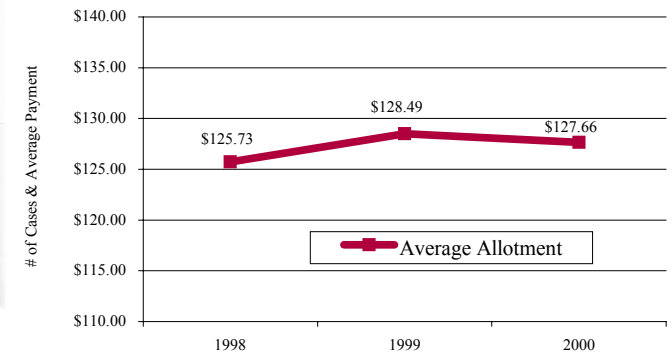
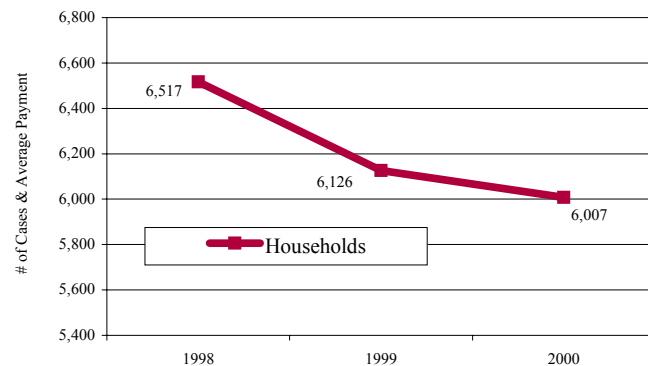
- Food Stamps:** The Food Stamp program started in 1939. The goal of the program is to assist low-income persons and families to purchase food and better meet their nutritional needs. The program is not intended to supply all of a person's or family's food needs.

### Minnesota Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Allotment (in dollars)

	1998	1999	2000	% Change 1998-2000
Average Monthly Allotment \$'s				
St. Louis County	125.73	128.49	127.66	2%
Minnesota	146.64	153.15	152.49	4%

### Minnesota Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Allotment (in dollars) St. Louis County

### Minnesota Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Households St. Louis County



### Summary

- In 2000, St. Louis County had an average of 6,007 monthly households on the Minnesota Food Stamp Program.
- From 1998-2000, St. Louis County had a 8% decline in the average number of households on Minnesota Food Stamp Program per month from 6,517 to 6,007. This decline is larger than the 6% decline in the average number of households for the State of Minnesota.

### Summary

- In 2000, St. Louis County had an average monthly payment to recipients for the Minnesota Food Stamp Program of \$127.66.
- From 1998-2000, St. Louis County had a 2% increase in the average payment to participants of the Minnesota Food Stamp Program of \$125.73 to \$127.66. This increase is smaller than the 4% increase in the average payment by the State of Minnesota.

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.



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## St. Louis County's Medicare and MinnesotaCare

### Medicare

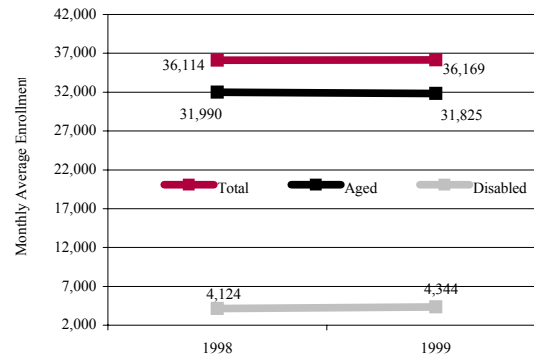
- Medicare:** Medicare provides health insurance to people age 65 and over and those who have permanent kidney failure and certain people with disabilities. Medicare has two parts: Part A is hospital insurance that pays for care in hospitals. Part B is medical insurance that helps pay for doctors, services, outpatient hospital care, and some other medical services. Part B is optional and you must pay a premium.

### Summary

- Total Medicare enrollment in St. Louis County remained stable over 1998-1999.
- Both St. Louis County and Minnesota saw increased enrollments by persons with disabilities.

### Medicare

Enrollment 1998-1999  
St. Louis County



Source: Health Care Financing Administration.

### Medicare: Enrollment as of July 1st

	1998	1999	% Change 1998-1999
St Louis County Total	36,114	36,169	0%
Aged: HI &/or SMI	31,990	31,825	-1%
Disabled: HI &/or SMI	4,124	4,344	5%
Minnesota Total	643,877	648,272	1%
Aged: HI &/or SMI	577,020	578,935	0%
Disabled: HI &/or SMI	66,857	69,337	4%

HI=Hospital Insurance; SMI=Supplemental Medical Insurance  
&/or= unduplicated count of persons enrolled in either or both of the programs

### MinnesotaCare

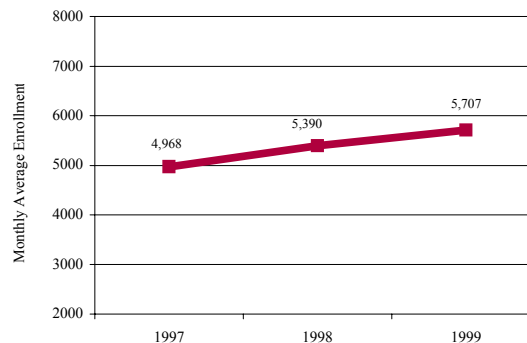
- MinnesotaCare:** MinnesotaCare, created in 1992, is a subsidized health care program for people who live in Minnesota and do not have access to health insurance. There are no health condition barriers, but applicants must meet income and program guidelines to qualify. MinnesotaCare is funded by enrollee premiums, the State of Minnesota, a tax on health care providers, and some federal matching dollars.

### Summary

- Between 1997 and 1999, both St. Louis County and Minnesota have seen an increase in the average monthly enrollment of persons using MinnesotaCare. The increase in St. Louis County has been larger than Minnesota overall.

### MinnesotaCare

Average Monthly Enrollment 1997-1999  
St. Louis County



Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.

### MinnesotaCare: Average Monthly Enrollment\*

	1997	1998	1999	% Change 1997-1999
St Louis County	4,968	5,390	5,707	14.9
Minnesota	96,113	101,614	106,569	10.9

\* Includes both M.A. Waiver and Non-Waiver participants



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## St. Louis County's Medicaid



### Medicaid (M.A.): Monthly Average Enrollment

	1997		1998		1999		% Change	
	St. Louis County	Minnesota	St. Louis County	Minnesota	St. Louis County	Minnesota	1997-1999 St. Louis County	1997-1999 Minnesota
AFDC/MFIP*	9,517	193,521	8,376	175,131	7,832	165,569	-18%	-14%
NonAFDC Families and Children	5,423	101,807	5,082	94,453	4,619	84,931	-15%	-17%
Disabled	3,980	67,459	4,023	66,819	4,235	68,304	6%	1%
Elderly	2,771	48,932	2,684	47,977	2,641	47,469	-5%	-3%
Total	21,691	411,719	20,165	384,380	19,327	366,273	-11%	-11%

\*AFDC/MFIP Note: During 1997, most counties in Minnesota administered the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. There were eight counties that operated the Minnesota Family Investment Pilot Project (MFIP). 1998 was the transition year from AFDC to MFIP. Cases include Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Minnesota Family Investment Program-Pilot Project and Minnesota Family Investment Program-Statewide. The transition was completed by the beginning of 1999.

### Medicaid (M.A.)

- Medicaid:** The largest of the state's three health care programs, is a joint federally/state-funded program which provides necessary medical services for low-income families, children, pregnant women, and people who are elderly (65 or older) or have disabilities.

### Medicaid (M.A.)

Average Monthly Enrollment 1997-1999  
St. Louis County

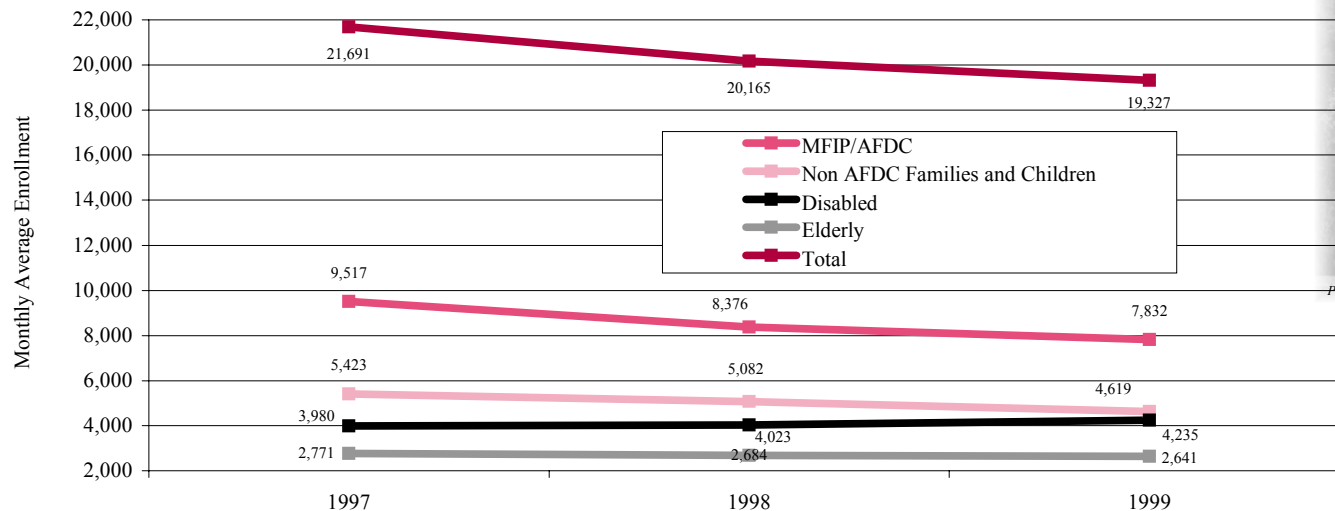


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### Summary

- Between 1997 and 1999, both St. Louis County and Minnesota experienced an overall decrease of about 11% in the average monthly enrollment of persons receiving Medicaid.
- Between 1997 and 1999, St. Louis County has seen a large drop of 18% in the average Medicaid monthly enrollment of families receiving AFDC/MFIP.

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.



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## St. Louis County's Minnesota Supplemental Assistance

### Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA)

**Minnesota Supplemental Assistance:** Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) is a state funded program that provides a monthly cash supplement to persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, who also receive federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Some recipients receive MSA and do not receive SSI benefits because their income is too high.

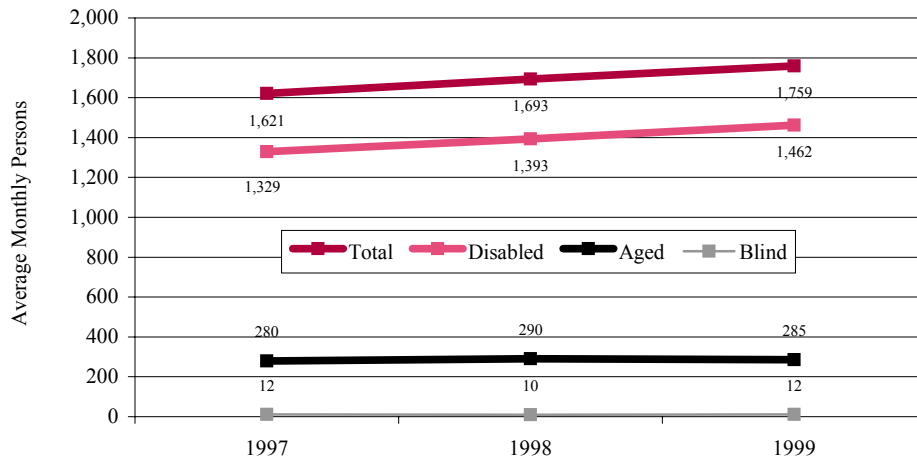
### Summary

- Between 1997 and 1999, St. Louis County saw an increase of 9% in the average number of persons receiving Minnesota Supplemental Assistance (MSA). This was 2% larger than Minnesota's increase of 7%.
- Between 1997 and 1999, the overall average payment per person increased by 5%, identical to the Minnesota increase.
- In both St. Louis County and Minnesota, the largest increase in the average number of persons receiving MSA was persons with disabilities.

### Minnesota Supplemental Assistance

Average Monthly Persons 1997-1999

St. Louis County



Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.

### Minnesota Supplemental Assistance

St. Louis County

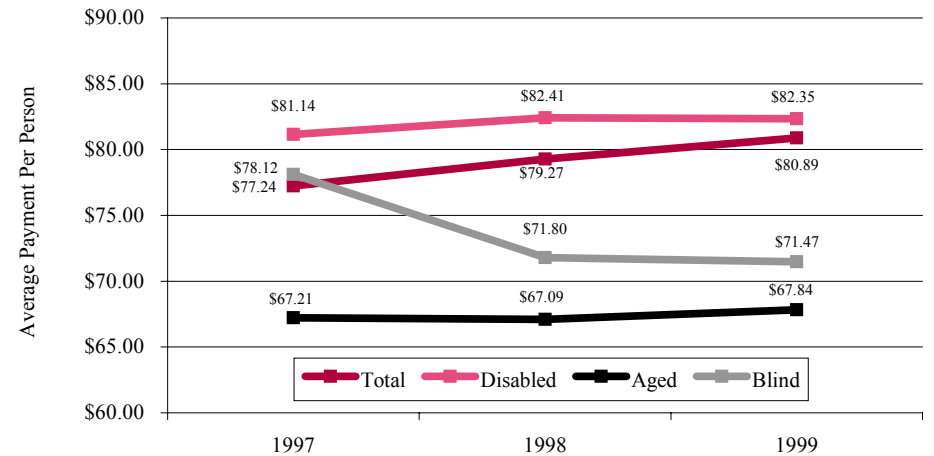
	1997	1998	1999	% Change	1997	1998	1999	% Change
	Average Monthly Persons			1997-1999 Average Monthly Persons	Average Payment Per Person (in dollars)			1997-1999 Average Payment per Person
St. Louis County Total	1,621	1,693	1,759	9%	77.24	79.27	80.89	5%
Aged	280	290	285	2%	67.21	67.09	67.84	1%
Blind	12	10	12	0%	78.12	71.80	71.47	-9%
Disabled	1,329	1,393	1,462	10%	81.14	82.41	82.35	1%
Minnesota Total	24,008	24,780	25,803	7%	79.09	80.79	82.66	5%
Aged	7,057	7,088	7,274	3%	74.65	73.92	74.69	0%
Blind	140	135	137	-2%	67.38	68.09	71.26	6%
Disabled	16,820	17,557	18,392	9%	78.76	80.46	80.53	2%

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services, Reports and Forecasts Division.

### Minnesota Supplemental Assistance

Average Payment Per Person 1997-1999

St. Louis County

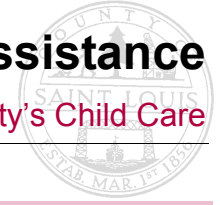


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## St. Louis County's Child Care



### Child Care Assistance St. Louis County

	1997	1998	1999	2000	% Change 1997-2000
Basic Sliding Fee Families	1,372	1,198	1,178	1,406	2%
Basic Sliding Fee Children	2,239	1,956	1,920	2,286	2%
MFIP Families	726	1,310	1,363	1,291	78%
MFIP Children	1,074	2,160	2,300	2,217	106%
Total Families	2,098	2,508	2,541	2,697	29%
Total Children	3,313	4,116	4,220	4,503	36%

### Childcare Costs

Average Cost of Care per Week  
St. Louis County/Minnesota

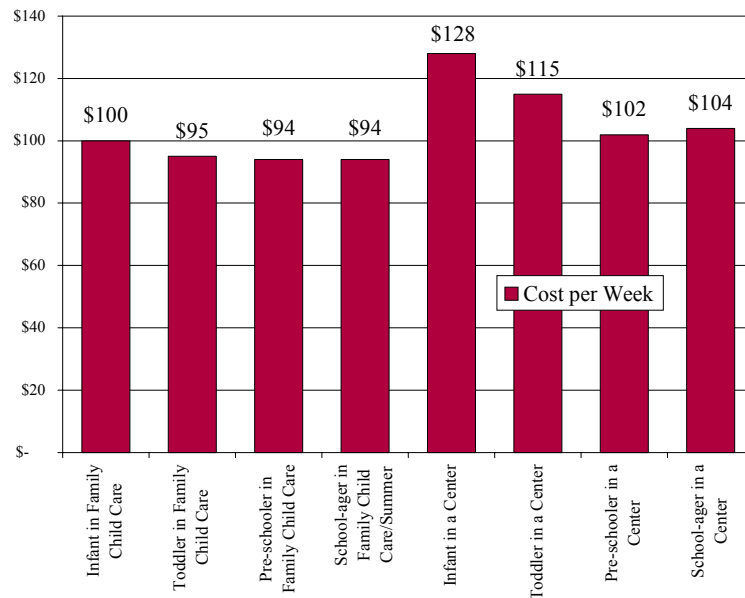


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### Summary

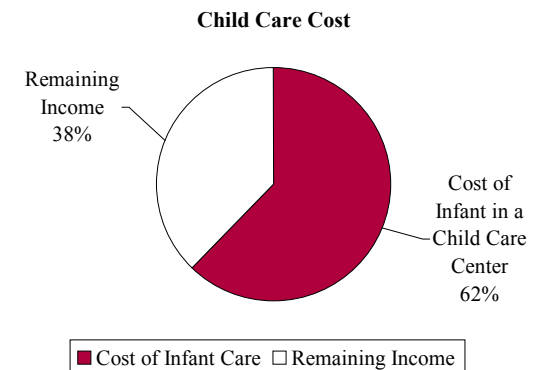
- The transition to the MFIP program completed by 1999 has resulted in increased demand for child care.
- A parent working full-time at a minimum wage job would find it financially difficult to pay for licensed child care.

### Childcare Assistance Program

- Basic Sliding Fee Subsidies:** Minnesota's Child Care Assistance program, for low-income families who are not on MFIP, operates on a sliding fee basis for providing child care tuition assistance. The family is no longer eligible for sliding fee assistance when their income reaches 75% of the state median income.

### Childcare Costs at Minimum Wage Income Consumption

For a person working at a full-time minimum wage job (\$5.15/hr.) and earning an annual income of \$10,712, the annual cost of child care for an infant in a child care center in St. Louis County (\$6,565) would consume 62% of their available income.



Source: Department of Human Services; Health Care Financing Agency; Minnesota Counts on Child Care Report.

Source: St. Louis County Social Services Department, Child Care Assistance Program; Minnesota Child Care Resource and Referral Network's Report, "Minnesota Counts on Child Care" (2001).